

# 2014 Official Ballot

## Participatory Budgeting in New York City

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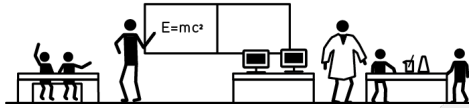
District 45  
Flatbush  
East Flatbush  
Flatlands  
Parts of Midwood  
and Canarsie

### Voting instructions

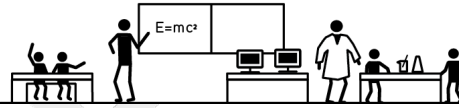
- All residents of the district, age 16 and up, can vote.
- You may vote for up to five (5) projects.
- You can not vote for the same project more than once.
- Ballots marked with more than five votes are invalid and will not be counted.
- Mark boxes clearly with an “X” or check mark, or fully shade them in.
- Use black or blue ink. Ballots marked in pencil will not be counted.



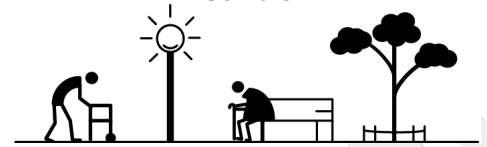
**Education**



**Public Schools**



**Seniors**



1. Greenhouse Garden  
Outdoor Classroom



D45-01-GRNSCH

\$500,000 (East Flatbush)  
Expand our students' skills in green infrastructure and urban ecology. Provide paid internships and establish a farmers market.  
Kurt Hahn Expeditionary Learning School at Tilden Campus – 5800 Tilden Avenue

3. Keep Schools Cool



D45-03-CAFEAC

\$225,000 (East Flatbush)  
Install AC system in student cafeteria. Ensure comfort for students during lunch to help them replenish and re-focus for classes.  
P.S. 208 – 4801 Avenue D

5. Computer Technology for Seniors



D45-05-SRCOMP

\$36,000 (East Flatbush)  
Upgrade computer equipment in senior centers — improving computer literacy and helping them stay connected with family and friends.  
Glenwood Senior Center – 5701 Avenue H

2. East Flatbush's First Culinary Roof Top Farm



D45-02-GNROOF

\$50,000 (East Flatbush)  
Develop curriculum in culinary arts, urban agriculture, health & nutrition, and sustainability. Provide career paths for our community. (\$50K is to fund the engineering feasibility study, which is the first phase of this \$1.5M project.)  
Cultural Academy for the Arts and Science on Tilden Campus – 5800 Tilden Avenue

4. Public Announcement System for Students



D45-04-PAEQP

\$500,000 (East Flatbush)  
Replace defunct PA equipment with a new system, which is crucial for communication and safety, especially in times of emergencies.  
P.S. 208 – 4801 Avenue D

SAMPLE



**Public Safety**



**6. Public Safety Camera Project**



D45-06-SAF-CAM

\$400,000 (District-wide)

Install security cameras in crime impacted areas. Deter potential criminals and enhance public safety for neighbors and friends.

East 46th Street and Glenwood Road; Farragut Road between East 57th and East 58th Streets; East 29th Street between Foster Avenue and Farragut Road, Nostrand Avenue and Winthrop Street; Newkirk and Nostrand Avenues; East 29th Street between Farragut Road and Foster Avenue.



## What is participatory budgeting?

Participatory budgeting is a new way to make decisions about publicly funded projects in our neighborhoods.

Participatory budgeting gives ordinary people real decision-making power over real money. It's already working in over 3,000 cities all over the world, and now participatory budgeting is being used in New York City.

This year, ten New York City Council Members asked their constituents to decide how to spend capital discretionary funds. Those are funds that can be used for physical improvements that benefit the public, and each district has committed at least \$1 million.

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## How does participatory budgeting work?

Last fall, district residents like you came to neighborhood assemblies to identify community needs and suggest projects. Then, volunteers joined delegate committees to develop those suggestions into project proposals, and worked with city agencies to estimate project costs. They put together the proposals you will vote on today.

Now is your chance to vote for the projects you think should get funded. The projects with the most votes, up to at least \$1 million, will be included in next year's city budget, to be built or implemented over the next few years.

You'll get to enjoy the improvements you help make happen. And hopefully, you'll be a part of future participatory budgeting efforts in the city!

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